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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
2723 Q St., N. W.  
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

On Tuesday, March 4th, the greater Washington Metropolitan area will honor Captain Finn Ronne, USN, at a luncheon at the Grand Ballroom, Mayflower Hotel, at 12:30 P.M., under the sponsorship of the Cultural Development Committee of the Washington Board of Trade, and its Science Subcommittee headed by Edward C. Sweeney and Dr. Harold Dudley.

Captain Ronne, one of the world's foremost Polar explorers, will return shortly from the Antarctic where he has spent the last fifteen months as one of the leaders of the United States International Geophysical Year Expedition. The contributions of Captain Ronne and the American team to the world's store of scientific knowledge are of equal importance with the accomplishments which the United States is making to the conquest of space.

A fascinating program is planned with nationally known personages present to pay tribute to our distinguished guest, and Mark Evans, a prominent Radio and Television personality, will serve as Toastmaster. In addition to honoring Captain Ronne, this luncheon will be in recognition of the fact that Washington is fast developing as not only the political, but also the scientific center of the world.

In order that you may have an opportunity to express your admiration for Captain Ronne, we are inviting you as one of our honored guests.

We would appreciate your notifying us at an early date if you are able to attend. If for some reason you cannot, then we would appreciate your sending a message of personal greetings which can be read at the luncheon. We would also like to carry your name on the program so that our honored guest will know he is in your thoughts on that day.

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Becker  
General Chairman

PS: The Honorable Earl Warren, The Chief Justice of the United States, will serve as the Honorary Chairman.

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